Vera

Vera, Nov. 14.- "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." -Psalms 14:27.

We are having cool weather. People are busy sawing wood and getting ready for winter.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Leslie Coleman is in the hospital for an operation. We do hope for him a speedy recovery.

Miss Edna Megginson continues ill. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Wilson Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette visited Mr. Leslie Coleman in the Baptist Hospital on Thursday. They also visited Mr. Jack Harvey, who is in the General Hospital in Lynchburg.

Miss Harriette Harvey visited her sister, Mrs. Richard Carson for the week-end.

Mrs. Mildred Warters, who has been operated on, has returned home. She will have to stay in bed a month. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette visited her on Thursday.

We are glad that Mr. F. A. O'Brien has returned home from the Baptist Hospital, where he had an eye removed. He is getting along fine.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Craft, of Charlottesville.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson on Saturday night.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

It's funny how some people thrive on politics.

Flattery is still the best way to get to first base.

It is amazing how much work some folks do to avoid work.

Going to church hasn't ever hurt anyone we've heard about.

The only plan that counts for much is one that is carried out.

Men may differ in opinions but they should not dispute as to facts.

If everybody became interested in the truth, maybe we could locate it.

The most satisfying thing in life is to be able to help some deserving person.

Now that the heating bills must be paid, summer doesn't seem so bad after all.

Remember that proper etiquette in the field forbids the killing of fellow hunters.

There are two sides to every public question; the wise man tries to understand both.

It is easier to tell a neighbor the proper thing to do than to follow one's own advice.

Your life can be judged only by what you do, not by what you say you intend to do.

Do you remember how silly you were as a youth? If not, you have learned little.

Never underestimate the seriousness with which most people take themselves.

Hint to readers of the news: There is no law against thinking things out for yourself.

There is nothing gained when you do your work at night and then loaf through the next day.

Despite what you may think there is always somebody who is experiencing a tougher pull through life than you are.

The first obligation you have as an intelligent citizen is to refuse to believe criticism of other people until you prove the accuracy of rumors spread.

Interest on the national debt costs $1,084,400 an hour.

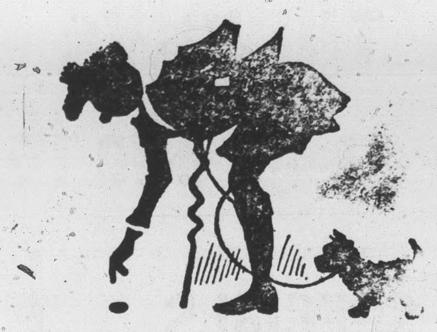
SIMPLE SOLUTIONS

Slightly tired silk scarves can be rejuvenated by dipping them in very light starch and ironing while damp.

To see how paint will look dry, brush a stroke on white ink blotter.

When washing windows, vinegar added to the water will give them a brilliant polish.

He who stops to be thrifty...



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Scripture: Psalms 96; 103; 136.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 66:1-14.

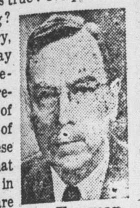
We Give Thanks

Lesson for November 20, 1960

THANKSGIVING will never be as commercialized as Christmas," some one remarked, "because no presents are given at Thanksgiving. Stores can sell Christmas gifts, but they can't sell thanks."

... is this true? No presents at Thanksgiving? On the contrary, this holiday truly celebrates, it is precisely because of an avalanche of gifts, these gifts that are bought in ... they are gifts to which no price tag can be attached. They are God's gifts, and Thanksgiving is the day when we stop to think about him and thank him.

Dr. Foreman



We Give Thanks

We don't always feel very deeply grateful for something you have earned by hard work. You may be glad you got whatever it was. You may be highly satisfied by getting it. But if thanks are due, it may be more in the way of congratulations than anything else. You are most in the mood for thanks when you know very well you did not and perhaps could not have produced whatever it is for which you are thankful. We give thanks to God—whether in the morning or every Sunday or on the special occasions as our national Thanksgiving holiday—we are beneficiaries. There is no other way of repaying God for his blessings.

It is quite true that there are some blessings in life which we do not have unless we work for them. For example, the respect of the community where we live is a real blessing; but without genuine effort on a man's part, other people will never respect him. Health is an invaluable asset; but health never perches over a man's door if the man persists in doing all the things that ruin health. Health is earned, respect is earned, in a way. Nevertheless in both these cases, and others the reader can think of, one can demand neither respect nor health. There is no "deserving" so much honor or respect, no barter for the respect, no precise set of rules for ... of which one will always be bouncy as a sixteen-year-old. Some people keep healthy all their lives but are dogged by illness. Others live honorably and are repudiated by their own people. (Jesus suffered that fate.)

Why Do We Thank?

There are other blessings which very evidently come from God. They were, so to speak, woven in the world at creation. The succession of the seasons, the beauty of the skies, the marvel of life itself, this body so cramped with bodies, this spirit that can soar out of time and space; for all these we thank God because there is no other Creator. Yet there are also blessings that come to us through friends, parents, brothers and sisters, yes, even through our enemies. Here we can give double thanks. First we can thank those who brought these blessings to us—friends, relatives, strangers — and then we can thank God. For if you sit down at a quiet time and ask yourself about any particular blessing—let us say the trust of a little child whom you know—ask yourself where did this come from, in the long run?

What Are We Thankful?

We give thanks to God for the many mercies, for sparing our lives from destruction, for the forgiveness of sins (the greatest single blessing we can have) and for the hope of glory." But in the brightness of these great mercies we must not overlook the smaller gifts from His hands, those lesser mercies without which the greater would not be. Easiest of all to overlook are those blessings which come disguised. In a time of deep suffering one may not see what ... has in mind—one may be tempted even to feel that God has forgotten and does not care. But in the end—in God's time—we can look back and see our pain in perspective. And then we may gratefully see that not only did God permit it but he sent it, for reasons even we ...

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GOLDEN GLEAMS

He alone has lost the art to live who cannot win new friends.
—S. Weir Mitchell.

The end of learning is to know God, and out of that knowledge to love Him.
—Milton.

If you would reform the world from its errors and vices, begin by enlisting the mothers.
—C. Simmons.

He that does good for good's sake, seeks neither praise nor reward, but is sure of both in the end.
— Penn.

Odd!

Isn't it odd that a girl afraid of a mouse will accept a date with a wolf?
—The Prop Wash, Oak Harbor, Washington.

Not Forever

Ohio man who drank 45 cups of coffee a day died at 95. So coffee, it seems, does not keep one awake indefinitely.
—The State Journal, Lansing, Mich.

Defense costs per family in the United States are about $1,000 a year.

MR. LeROUX'S 4-H CLUB

The first monthly meeting of Mr. LeRoux's 4-H Club was held Tuesday, Oct. 25., The club officers were elected as follows:

President, Ronnie Ranson
Vice-president, Bruce Williams.
Secretary, Lewis Mann.
Song Leaders: Janice Price and Hallie Simmons.
Reporter: Frances Reeve.
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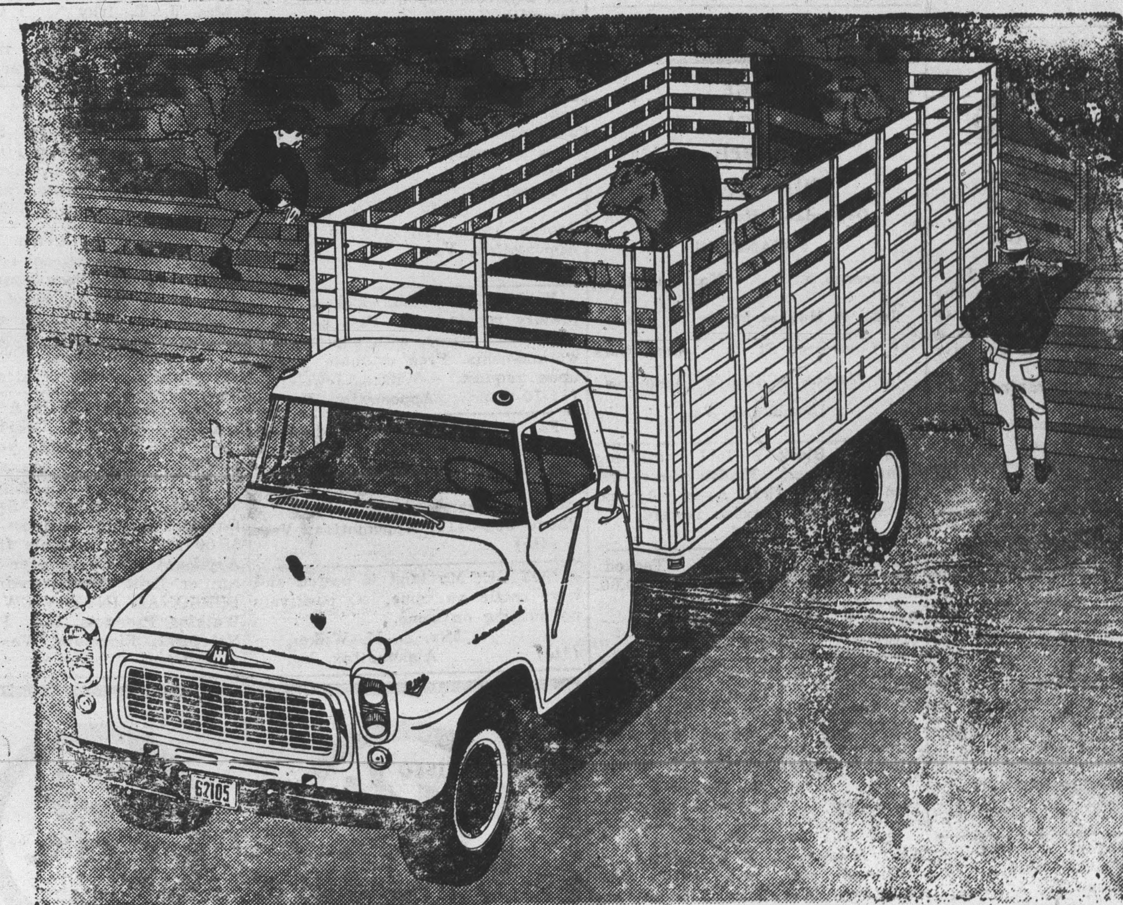

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